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Public examination in schools

* 3114 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is a proposal under the consideration of Government to hold public examinations in December instead of March as at present?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: Yes, Sir. The Government have since decided that the proposal to change the academic year for colleges and schools from 'June to April' to 'January to December' should be dropped in consonance with the unanimous view of all educational bodies in this State.

Offences under the Prohibition Act

* 3115 *Q.*—Sri S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisamy): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to release the prisoners who are undergoing imprisonment for offences under the Prohibition Act; and

(*b*) if so, why?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) & (*b*) The Inspector-General of Prisons, Madras, has submitted a proposal for the suspension of sentences of all prohibition prisoners who have not been guilty of violent acts against the detective staff on their own bonds for Rs. 50, with an orientation lecture before release by the Superintendents of the Jails and with a direction to be under the supervision of the nearest District Probation Officer. The proposal is under consideration.

Malnad area

* 3116 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the development proposals sanctioned by or under the consideration of the Government for the improvement of the lot of the villagers of Malnad area in Irikkoor and Taliparamba firkas, in regard to—

(1) Communication; (2) Education; (3) Medical Aid; and (4) Agriculture.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The following roads have already been formed in the Malnad area in Taliparamba and Irikkoor firkas:—

(1) Road from Sreekandapuram to Kayambayi.

(2) Road from Sreekandapuram to Naduvil.

(3) Road from Kayambayi to Chuzhali.

No special proposals for the improvement of the condition of villages of Malnad area in Irikkoor and Taliparamba firkas are at present under the consideration of the Government. However, the

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Collector of Malabar has proposed certain schemes to the concerned heads of departments for the development of the area. The proposals will be considered by the Government if and when they are received.

Basic training school in South Kanara with Malayalam as medium

* 3117 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to establish a basic training school in Kasargode taluk, South Kanara district, with Malayalam as medium of instruction; and

(*b*) if so, when?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Sir, now that it has been accepted by the States Reorganisation Commission and, I suppose, tacitly accepted by the Central Government that Kasargode has an over-all Malayalee majority, would Government see to it that Malayalees are not driven to Mangalore side for basic training but start schools in Kasargode taluk?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : But, Sir, if that proposal goes through, then there will be the Kerala Government to make sufficient provision for those people. Therefore, in view of the impending question and since no final decision has been taken in the matter, the question of the hon. Member does not arise.

Mr. SPEAKER : There is a short notice question given by Sri K. C. Gopalan Unni.

* Short Notice Question 36.—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the reasons for closing down the Community Training Centre at Parli, Malabar district?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the Extension Training Centre at Parli which is one of the three Extension Training Centres in this State was started in December 1952, to train Gramasevaks for employment in the Community Development Blocks. The Centre at Parli had to be located in rented buildings, as no Government buildings were available at Parli. There was also no farm facility at Parli for giving effective training to the Gramasevaks in the field of Agriculture. The Deputy Agricultural Extension Commissioner, Government of India, when he visited the Centre at Parli, remarked about the lack of buildings and farm facilities and suggested that the Centre should be shifted to a more suitable place at the earliest opportunity. The Government of India have also been objecting to the continuance of the Centre at Parli in rented buildings. The possibility of shifting the